

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3492

To amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to increase the limits on the amount of contributions that may be made to political committees and to provide for the indexing of such limits for all contributions made under the Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. WESTMORELAND introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “PAC Fairness Act of
5 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR POLIT-**
 2 **ICAL COMMITTEES.**

3 (a) CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL COMMITTEES.—
 4 Section 315(a)(1)(C) of the Federal Election Campaign
 5 Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(a)(1)(C)) is amended by strik-
 6 ing “\$5,000” and inserting “\$7,500”.

7 (b) CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY MULTICANDIDATE
 8 COMMITTEES.—Section 315(a)(2) of such Act (2 U.S.C.
 9 441a(a)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “\$5,000”
 11 and inserting “\$7,500”;

12 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “\$15,000”
 13 and inserting “\$25,000”; and

14 (3) in subparagraph (C), by striking “\$5,000”
 15 and inserting “\$7,500”.

16 **SEC. 3. INDEXING OF ALL CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 315(c)(1)(B) of the Fed-
 18 eral Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C.
 19 441a(c)(1)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C)—

21 “(i) in any calendar year after 2002—

22 “(I) a limitation established by subsection
 23 (a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B), (b), or (h) shall be in-
 24 creased by the percent difference under sub-
 25 paragraph (A),

1 “(II) each amount so increased shall re-
 2 main in effect for the calendar year, and

3 “(III) if any amount after the adjustment
 4 made under subclause (I) is not a multiple of
 5 \$100, such amount shall be rounded to the
 6 nearest multiple of \$100; and

7 “(ii) in any calendar year after 2008—

8 “(I) a limitation established by subsection
 9 (a)(1)(C), (a)(1)(D), or (a)(2) shall be in-
 10 creased by the percent difference under sub-
 11 paragraph (A),

12 “(II) each amount so increased shall re-
 13 main in effect for the calendar year, and

14 “(III) if any amount after the adjustment
 15 made under subclause (I) is not a multiple of
 16 \$100, such amount shall be rounded to the
 17 nearest multiple of \$100.”.

18 (b) PERIOD OF INCREASE.—Section 315(c)(1)(C) of
 19 such Act (2 U.S.C. 441a(c)(1)(C)), as amended by section
 20 2(b)(1), is amended by striking “subsections (a)(1)(A),
 21 (a)(1)(B), and (h)” and inserting “subsections (a) and
 22 (h)”.

23 (c) DETERMINATION OF BASE YEAR.—Section
 24 315(c)(2)(B) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441a(c)(2)(B)) is
 25 amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (i);

2 (2) by striking the period at the end of clause

3 (ii) and inserting “; and”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following new

5 clause:

6 “(iii) for purposes of subsections (a)(1)(C),

7 (a)(1)(D), and (a)(2), calendar year 2007.”.

8 **SEC. 4. EXPANDING ABILITY OF CORPORATIONS AND**

9 **LABOR ORGANIZATIONS TO COMMUNICATE**

10 **WITH MEMBERS.**

11 (a) TYPES OF COMMUNICATIONS PERMITTED.—Sec-
 12 tion 316(b)(4)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign Act
 13 of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)(4)(B)) is amended by striking
 14 “only by mail addressed” and inserting “only by commu-
 15 nications addressed or otherwise delivered”.

16 (b) SOLICITATIONS BY TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.—Sec-
 17 tion 316(b)(4)(D) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 441b(b)(4)(D))
 18 is amended by striking “to the extent that” and all that
 19 follows and inserting a period.

20 **SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
 22 respect to elections held after December 2007.

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